

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-146-C - ORDER NO. 94-517✓
JUNE 3, 1994

IN RE: Application of Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville, Inc. for Transfer of Certain Assets and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Cellular Radio Telecommunications Service to the Public in South Carolina RSA No. 2 held by Ally, Inc.)	ORDER
)	APPROVING
)	PETITION
)	TO TRANSFER
)	ASSETS AND
)	CERTIFICATE
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville, Inc. (the Company or the Applicant) filed on March 10, 1994, requesting the Commission's approval to transfer certain assets and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide cellular radio telecommunications service to the public within RSA No. 2 currently held by Ally, Inc. (Ally). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-310 (Supp. 1993).

The matter was duly noticed to the public. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest were received by the Commission. The Applicant submitted verified testimony. Consequently, the Commission determined that it would consider the Application without a hearing.

Jack Plating, Vice-President of Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville, submitted testimony on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Plating described the Applicant's request and its ability to

provide this service. According to Mr. Plating, the Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic Enterprises International, Inc. (BAEI), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic Investments, Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell-Atlantic Corporation. Further, the Applicant is the majority and managing general partner of Greenville Cellular Telephone Company (GCTC). GCTC is a general partnership that was formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a cellular system and providing cellular services in the Greenville-Spartanburg Metropolitan Service Area (MSA), which includes Greenville, Spartanburg, and Pickens Counties. GCTC was certificated by the Commission in Order No. 85-629 in Docket No. 85-46-C. Mr. Plating asserts that the Applicant has general, broad-based experience and knowledge about cellular operations.

Mr. Plating also testified that Ally became the designated wireline carrier for S.C. RSA No. 2 (which consists of Abbeville, Laurens, Greenwood, McCormick, Newberry, Edgefield, and Saluda Counties) through a lottery process conducted by the FCC. On January 14, 1991, Ally was granted authority to begin operation by this Commission in Order No. 91-47 in Docket No. 90-681-C. Mr. Plating stated that S.C. RSA No. 2 is immediately adjacent to the Greenville MSA, the Columbia MSA, and RSA No. 3 in which Applicant's system subsidiaries operate non-wireline systems. Mr. Plating offers that the Applicant can effectuate economies of scale by jointly employing switches and providing unified management, accounting and marketing structure, all of which are already in place to provide service to S.C. RSA No. 2. Mr. Plating testified

that these attributes of the Applicant's affiliate systems, along with the facilities proposed to be transferred in this Application, will be more than sufficient to provide S.C. RSA No. 2 with continuous non-wireline cellular service.

Mr. Plating further testified that the Applicant has applied and received from the FCC the authority to provide domestic cellular radio telecommunications service in S.C. RSA No. 2. Mr. Plating also offers that the Applicant has provided a full range of cellular services to its customers in the Greenville-Spartanburg MSA in a responsible and efficient manner since 1985. According to Mr. Plating, the Applicant has sufficient technical, managerial, and financial ability to operate and provide domestic cellular public radio telecommunications in S.C. RSA No. 2.

The Commission concludes that the Applicant has sufficient technical, managerial, and financial ability and resources to provide the services described in the Application. The evidence reveals that the Applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide domestic public cellular radio telecommunications services in S.C. RSA No. 2. The Commission also concludes that the requested asset transfer should be granted. Further, the Commission concludes that approval of the Application is in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application of Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville, Inc. should be granted. Consequently, the Commission hereby approves the requested asset transfer in accordance with the terms of the Application and Mr. Plating's testimony. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide domestic public cellular radio

telecommunications service in S.C. RSA No. 2 currently held by Ally, Inc. is hereby transferred to Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville, Inc.


2. Metro Mobile CTS of Greenville's request to continue to apply Ally, Inc.'s tariff as approved in Docket No. 90-681-C, and currently in effect for S.C. RSA No. 2, is granted.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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